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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: AG REMARKS ON ELECTION DATE

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1. SABC RADIO THIS MORNING (JAN 21) CARRIED A REPORT ON STEYN'S STATEMENT CITED REFTEL URGING PATIENCE ON LOCAL POLITICIANS DURING THIS DELICATE STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. DURING A CONVERSATION EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH A VISITING OFFICER OF THE FRG EMBASSY, STEYN ALSO INDICATED NO SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT ANNOUNCING AN ELECTION DATE. FRG AMBASSADOR EICK JAN 20 INFORMED US THAT WHEN THE GERMAN EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR ANNOUNCING AN ELECTION DATE, STEYN SAID THIS QUESTION "STILL MUST BE CONSIDERED." THE AG ALSO REMARKED THAT DECISIONS ON THE MECHANICS OF MAKING UP VOTER ROLLS AND DELINEATING ELECTORAL DISTRICTS WERE ALSO PENDING.

2. COMMENT: STEYN'S STATEMENT AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS REPORTED OVER SABC SUGGEST THAT THE SAG MAY BE PREPARING THE GROUND FOR A DELAY IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ELECTION DATE.BOWDLER

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